Chiras in the Nedumangad taluk.

215 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Veliyatu Konattu *chira* in Kayanattu *ela* and Alapurathu *chira* in Neduman *ela* in the Karakulam *pakuthi*, Nedumangad taluk, are two of the most important *chiras* used for watering the paddy-fields in the Karakulam *pakuthi*;

(*b*) whether they are aware that there is no possibility of watering the paddy fields there, without improving the above two *chiras*;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the above two *chiras* are left neglected at present;

(*d*) what action the Minor Irrigation Department has taken in the matter of improving the above two *chiras*;

(*e*) whether they are aware that the Minor Irrigation Department bestows very little attention in the matter of improving *chiras*, *todus*, tanks, etc., useful for paddy cultivation in the Nedumangad taluk; and

(*f*) what action the Government have taken so far about the attitude of the Minor Irrigation Department so far as the Nedumangad taluk is concerned?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) They are only small tanks each about half an acre in area.

(*b*) No. The paddy fields are mainly dependent on rainfall and the flow from springs through the drainage and irrigation channels at their sides.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Investigation for the tanks is going on.

(*e*) No; the fact is otherwise.

(*f*) This does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In answer to part (*d*), may I know how long the investigation was going on.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): About 10 months.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In what stage is the investigation now?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is in the hands of the Division Officer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In answer to part (*e*), may I know how many *chiras* were improved in Nedumangad taluk since five years?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is being attented to by the Minor Irrigation Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know, after the Minor Irrigation Department came into existence, how many *chiras* were improved?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In the face of the answer given in part (*e*), may I know the number of *thodus*, *chiras* and tanks that were improved by the Minor Irrigation Department since it came into existence?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : A few *chiras*, and repairing of flood damages works were taken up and completed. That is not a complete list. But they are some of the works that have been attended to. It is therefore that I say that we are attending to the work.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the work of any one *chira* has been taken up and completed after the Minor Irrigation Department has come into existence?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the name of that *chira*?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Parandothukonathu *chira*, Kulankorathu *chira*, etc.,

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : But the department has not done anything in the Nedumangad taluk.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : We have carried out the repairs of two.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In what *pakuthies*, please?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : In Nedumangad taluk.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In what *pakuthi*?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*) : I do not know the name of the *pakuthi*.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*) : May I know whether the Government are considering the question of revising the Minor Irrigation Rules?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

Flood damages in Nedumangad taluk.

216. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that there are several cases of flood damages caused in the floods of 1108 M. E., which are left unattended to even to-day (17-2-1111) either by the P. W. D. or by the Minor Irrigation Department, in the Karakulam, Nellanadu and Manikal *pakuthies* in the Nedumangad taluk;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the serious damage caused to about 200 *paras* of paddy-fields in Maruthoor *ela* just on the western side of Maruthoor *pulam* near the 7th mile-stone on the M. C. Road, Karakulam *pakuthi*, by the floods of 1108 M. E ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, what action was taken to repair the damage caused to the fields in Maruthoor *ela* ever since 1108 M. E. ;

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